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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary Department of Telecommunications and Energy One South Station, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Boston, Massachusetts 02110

Re: NSTAR Electric Energy Efficiency Plan for 2003

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

On January 28, 2003, the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (the "Department") issued an Order wherein the Department approved NSTAR Electric's (the "Company") updated energy efficiency plan for 2002. NSTAR Electric, D.T.E. 00-63-A (2003). In its Order, the Department requested that NSTAR Electric file its next Energy Efficiency Plan by February 23, 2003. Id. On February 4, 2003, NSTAR Electric requested an extension of time, until March 14, 2003, to file the Company's 2003 Energy Efficiency Plan.

The Company intends to submit an Energy Efficiency Plan for 2003 that includes terms and conditions agreed to by interested non-utility parties (the "Parties"). To that end, the Parties have worked diligently to finalize a settlement agreement that is designed to resolve all of the issues pertaining to the Company's 2003 Energy Efficiency Plan and are in the process of completing the terms of the settlement. Pending the completion of the negotiations with the non-utility parties, the Company requests an additional extension of time, until April 25, 2003, to file its Energy Efficiency Plan for 2003. In the interim, the Company will continue to offer the energy efficiency programs approved by the Department in D.T.E. 006-63-A (2003).

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Andrew O. Kaplan

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